

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4 (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A case with a partitioning member, comprising:

a case[[,]]; i

a cover for covering the case[[,]]; i and

a partitioning member, having a peripheral portion,
~~which is held between the case and the cover to partition and~~
partitioning the an interior of the case and the cover,
~~characterized in that wherein,~~

a first welding portion welds the case and the cover
together at a position proximate to the peripheral portion of the
partitioning member,

a second welding portion ~~in which~~ welds the case and
the peripheral portion of the partitioning member ~~are welded to~~
each other, ~~is~~ the second welding portion provided ~~on the~~ inside
a first region formed by of a the first welding portion, ~~in which~~
the case, and the cover ~~are welded to each other,~~

a third welding portion ~~in which~~ welds the case and the
peripheral portion of the partitioning member ~~are welded to each~~

other, ~~is~~ the third welding portion provided ~~on the~~ inside a second region formed by ~~of~~ the second welding portion~~[[;]]~~, the case, and the cover, the second region being inside the first region, and

the second welding portion and the third welding portion are spaced apart across a length of the peripheral portion to form a pocket portion above the length of the peripheral portion,

a hole, open to the atmosphere, is provided in the case between the second welding portion and the third welding portion, the hole connecting with the pocket portion, and

the pocket portion is separated from a fluid flow through the partitioning member.

6. (currently amended) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a welding allowance in the first welding portion of the case is higher than a welding allowance in the second welding portion of the case.

7. (currently amended) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein,

the case with a partitioning member is an automatic transmission oil filter, and

the partitioning member is a filter element.

8. (currently amended) The case with a partitioning member according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 7, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the interior of the automatic transmission oil filter is ~~divided~~ partitioned, by the filter element, into a dust side on ~~the~~ an upstream side of an oil flow, and a clean side on ~~the~~ a downstream side ~~thereof~~ of the oil flow ~~by the filter element,~~ and

the second welding portion and the third welding portion are provided ~~on the side of~~ in the dust side ~~of the filter element.~~

9. (currently amended) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~

the case with a partitioning member is an automatic transmission oil filter, and

the partitioning member is a filter element.

10. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, wherein the partitioning member partitions a length spanning the interior between the case and the cover.

11. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, wherein a surface, spanning the length of the peripheral portion and facing opposite the pocket portion, is in direct contact with a surface of the cover.

12. (new) A case with a partitioning member, comprising:

a case;

a cover, a periphery of the cover connected with a periphery of the case to form an interior space between the case and the cover;

a partitioning member, having a peripheral portion, positioned inside the interior space;

a first welding portion connecting the case with the cover and positioned by the peripheral portion of the partitioning member;

a second welding portion, positioned between the first welding portion and the interior space, connecting the case with the peripheral portion of the partitioning member; and

a third welding portion, between the interior space and the second welding portion, connecting the case with the peripheral portion of the partitioning member, the third welding portion being spaced from the second welding portion to form an open pocket space between the second welding portion and the third welding portion above the peripheral portion of the partitioning member,

wherein the case is provided with a hole, open to the atmosphere, between the second welding portion and the third welding portion and connected with the pocket portion, and

wherein a surface, spanning the length of the peripheral portion and facing opposite the pocket portion, is in direct contact with a surface of the cover.

13. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 12, wherein the partitioning member partitions an interior length spanning the interior space to form a first interior space and a second interior space.

14. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 12, wherein the pocket portion is isolated from a fluid flow passing through the partitioning member.